

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of a county to implement a pilot program
3 to reuse wastewater at county facilities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 341, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 341.0391 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 341.0391. COUNTY PILOT PROGRAM FOR WASTEWATER REUSE.

8 (a) This section applies only to a county with a population of more
9 than 3.3 million.

10 (b) A county may implement a pilot program to reuse any form
11 of wastewater at a county facility for subsurface irrigation and
12 toilet and urinal flushing. The program must require the wastewater
13 to be treated at the facility before reuse.

14 (c) The commission may adopt rules to ensure that a program
15 implemented under this section does not create a nuisance and does
16 not threaten human health or damage the quality of surface water and
17 groundwater in this state.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2798 was passed by the House on April 20, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2798 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor